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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging steady in the Midwest, steady to fully steady in the West, but irregular in the East depending on size. Retail demand was slow to moderate, at times fairly good where featured. Food service was light to good, best for fast food. Supplies were usually sufficient with smaller sizes in the best balance, and heavier weights more available. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair and usually limited to regular commitments. Dark meat was balanced to tight, breast items and wings were at least adequate or available with tenders often discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 74.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 77.00 cents last year on May 19, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	178.50
BREASTS - B/S	145.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	102.50
LEG QUARTERS	39.00
WINGS	85.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was fair to moderate with best movement for active retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat was barely adequate to short of a continuously active call. Breast items were at least adequate with limited interest, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings remained in good balance to tight on the 3 pound sizes; at least adequate on the heavier sizes. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate. Tenders were readily available and slow to clear.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady with additional offerings adequate for the limited interest. Retail demand was slow to moderate. Feature noted in the Chicago area: drums and thighs at 89 and wings at 99 cents. Food service movement was light to fairly good. Floor stocks continue to be adequate to closely balanced. Sizes were desirable to instances heavier than desired. Trading on parts was minimal as trade interest was only for immediate needs. Supplies were available with main focus on dark meat cuts. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat items, about steady on wings and barely steady on breast items.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying activity was only fair for immediate needs as buyers watched market developments. Retailer demand was moderate to good best where featured. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was steady to barely steady on white meat and fully steady to firm on dark meat items.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES

WEEK ENDING 05/14/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	216,003	213,724	+01
CHICKS PLACED	178,071	175,431	+02

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 14, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 14, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through May 14, 2005 were 3.34 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Jun-05 is estimated at 163.7 million head. This compares to 164.3 million head the previous week and to 164.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.40 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 18, 2005

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	665	120.00-148.00	124-128	127.58
TENDERLOINS	163	132.00-185.00	135-139	137.15
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	79.00-88.00	82-85	83.40
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	63	50.00-55.00	50-51	51.83
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	542	36.00-39.00	37-38	37.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	900	38.00-41.00	39-40	39.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	310	71.00-85.00	79-81	80.13
WINGS (CUT)	450	88.00-102.00	95-99	97.01
DRUMSTICKS	68	50.00-56.00	-	55.29
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	120	98.00-110.00	-	103.00

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	620	121.00-148.00	124-128	128.60
TENDERLOINS	203	132.00-180.00	135-137	136.43
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.00-88.00	82-85	83.92
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	68	50.00-55.00	50-51	52.06
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	473	36.00-39.00	37-38	38.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	920	38.00-41.00	39-40	39.66
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	71.00-85.00	79-81	80.63
WINGS (CUT)	400	88.00-99.00	95-99	96.35
DRUMSTICKS	70	50.00-56.00	-	55.31
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	100	99.00-110.00	-	104.20

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 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE  
 53.50 - 58.50 55.80

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE  
 53.00-59.00 57.34 56.22

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair during midweek trading as dealers were somewhat cautious and limited orders to immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were adequate to available for current needs. Leg quarters, drums and thighs were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were more than sufficient and tenderloins continued readily available and slow to clear. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady on dark meat cuts. Breast items were about steady to barely steady. Tenders were weak.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	135.73	837,080
TENDERLOINS	135	132.97	358,250
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	89.93	128,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	83.86	88,000
LEGS	52-53	55.13	188,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	39.25	400,120
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	48.84	174,980
THIGHS	46-47	52.51	116,940
B/S THIGHS	104-105	98.80	148,910
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	85.50	115,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	18,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	34.49	24,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.42	29,160

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INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	137.98	620,880
TENDERLOINS	130-135	141.14	89,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	92.77	100,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	82.93	95,160
LEGS	52-53	53.97	252,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	39.02	307,840
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	49.11	130,360
THIGHS	46-47	49.75	82,560
B/S THIGHS	104-105	101.11	71,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	88.29	167,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.28	20,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.28	16,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.72	14,880

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## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
Alabama	3,920	4,106	3,971	4,366	5.34
Arkansas	5,459	5,492	5,105	5,097	5.06
Delmarva	2,249	2,264	2,301	2,180	5.60
KY-LA-TN	2,291	2,285	2,275	2,190	5.10
Mississippi	2,800	3,111	3,071	3,505	5.68
North Car	2,543	2,570	2,477	2,931	6.65
Texas	2,484	2,459	2,527	2,770	5.33
Total	21,746	22,287	21,727	23,039	5.47
Mon-Wed	66,124(A)				5.33
					21,777
					5.53
					65,992(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-May-05 is estimated to be 32,534,000 head down 0.44 percent from a week ago and up 1.27 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,679,000, last year 32,126,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-107
	DRY PACK 108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 89-95
DUCKS	180-192

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-May-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/21/05 (1)	05/14/05
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	169,717 (2)	168,117
Light hens	1,696	1,525
Heavy hens	1,469	1,417
Total	172,882	171,059

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-May-05 is 166.3 million head compared to 161.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.1 million head or 3.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-May-05 the estimated available is 166.5 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 05/16/05	108,279	48,138
AM 05/01/05	112,518	48,154
CHG	-4,239	-16
PCT CHG	-4	0

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/16/05	05/09/05	05/17/04	05/16/05	05/09/05	05/17/04
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	4,122	4,160	8,380	6,036	6,140	3,680
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	68	72	367	3,307	3,382	2,147

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 16, 2005

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74-80
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	80-84

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 05/17/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.30	1.80	1.59	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	5.00	5.25	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	1.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	6.50	8.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.25	3.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.40	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	8.00	10.00	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.80	1.60	1.22	RABBITS ea.	3.00	3.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	7.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.75	2.25	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	39						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending May 13, 2005

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	74.36	140.45	82.62	18.59	6.20	66.92
High	76.42	148.71	90.88	24.79	12.39	66.92
Mostly	76.42	144.58	86.75	20.65	8.26	66.92

**SAN JUAN**

Low	74.36	140.45	82.62	18.59	6.20	67.75
High	76.42	148.71	90.88	24.79	12.39	67.75
Mostly	76.42	144.58	86.75	20.65	8.26	67.75

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	70.23	123.93	74.36	12.39	8.26	62.79
High	76.84	136.32	78.49	18.59	12.39	62.79
Mostly	76.01	128.06	74.36	14.46	10.33	62.79

**BECERRA**

Low	74.36	140.45	82.62	18.59	6.20	66.10
High	76.42	148.71	90.88	24.79	12.39	66.10
Mostly	76.42	144.58	86.75	20.65	8.26	66.10

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally light to good for mid-week business, best on smaller sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to occasionally heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Breast items were sufficient, although tenders were fully adequate to ample. Wings were balanced to occasionally available. Dark meat items remain balanced to well cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	62-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	74.70
NO. OF BOXES	6,975

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